## KANSAS STATEWIDE FARMWORKER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2007 11:00 a.m.-12:30pm

Those in attendance were:
Naomi Frantzen (Sr Admn. Asst)
Tina Guenther
Diana Rojas
Jenny Tavares
Doris Thompkins
Patrice Thomsen
Matinte Tosima
Cyndi Treaster

Cyndi opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

COMPETATIVE GRANT AWARD-Cyndi reported that the five-year competitive grant was submitted to HHS in early October. The application was accepted and an award received. We did receive a notice that KSFHP would need to submit a waiver for the Advisory Council to meet quarterly rather than monthly. Our project officer advised previously that the waiver was not necessary. Since the state is the grantee, the Advisory Council is not a governing council and so does not need to meet monthly to approve business items. Cyndi spoke this week with the project officer who advised her to wait for written notification of the need for waiver before submission.

## PROVIDER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The provider survey has been developed thanks to a committee of providers and Robert Stiles the central Kansas case manager. This survey will be going out to all of our providers and access points with the next newsletter in March. The new survey is quick and easy to complete with check off information and we hope this will ensure a higher completion rate. The results will be used to assess how/if the program can be changed to make it easier for service providers to participate.

## HEALTH EDUCATION

Cyndi also shared that another subcommittee worked on a vehicle for diabetes prevention. They determined that the farmworkers are used to getting calendars with a picture on them and tear off months. The calendar for 2008 will focus on diabetes prevention but each year the calendar will have a different focus. The picture is a collage of pictures depicting the importance of no smoking, nutrition & exercise in the prevention of diabetes. Pictures of Latinos and Low Germans

exercising are being used and the wording is in Spanish and English so it is culturally and linguistically appropriate.

## ANNUAL REPORT

Cyndi reported the UDS Report had been completed and submitted to BPHC, HHS earlier this month. KSFHP had 111 more participants in the program I 2006 over 2005. The numbers went from 3760 to 3871 respectively. KSFHP receives \$200 per person in the grant so we are actually serving more people than we are funded for. There were approximately 2.4 visits per year per person. Three visits is the average for clinics. The lower average can probably be explained by the fact that we have about 40 % migrants.

## UPCOMING STAFF CHANGES

Cyndi remarked how KSHFP has been fortunate to have a very stable staff in place to serve farmworkers. But we have and will be experiencing some changes. Lena Dyck, one of our esteemed Health Promoters in Western KS, gave her notice in December and is no longer with us. The other two Health Promoters, who will be working more hours to provide coverage, will serve her former clients. The KSFHP Western Regional Case Manger, Gabriela Barron will be leaving us next fall in order to get married. She will be moving to Texas so we will be looking for a replacement for Gabby. KSFHP is also working with the Mennonite Voluntary programs to find a Low German (LG) speaking individual or couple who would be interested in working with the LG farmworkers in Central Kansas. This position will be paid for primarily through the Mennonite Church.

# OLRH STRUCTURE CHANGES

Due to a staff vacancy in the Refugee Health Program (RHP), its administration has been reassigned to Cyndi. She is now the Program Manager for Farmworker, Refugee and Immigrant Health. Cyndi reported that this was a logical move as there are similarities within the program clientele. The Refugee Health Program provides health assessments to refugees who are resettled in Kansas within the first eight months (preferably 60 days) of their arrival. She will work with a nurse consultant, Debbie Whitmer who will also provide some coverage for the farmworker program. Cyndi will work approximately 20-25% of the time with the RHP, which will mean 20-25 % of Cyndi's salary, and fringe will then be charged to RHP. This will mean there will be more money for direct voucher services to farmworkers.

There was additional time offered for questions. Cyndi thanked everyone and the meeting was closed at 12:25 pm. Cyndi reminded committee members to let her know of address, email or phone number changes, so she can adjust accordingly. The next Advisory meeting will be in May 2007.